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## **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2050**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS AND DISCOURAGING THE UNAUTHORIZED USE OF THEIR NAMES AND PICTURES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1       Whereas, citizens of our nation have served as members of the United  
2 States armed forces during times of peace and conflict since the inception of  
3 our country. These dedicated individuals have selflessly stood in harm's way  
4 as the defenders of our nation during every manner of crisis; and

5       Whereas, at times when the future of our great republic has delicately  
6 hung in the balance, our soldiers' bravery and dedication to mission have  
7 valiantly contributed to the preservation of our freedom and way of life; and

8       Whereas, in the course of their service to the United States, many of  
9 our service men and women have courageously and selflessly given their lives.  
10 The lives of the loved ones they left behind have been changed forever, and  
11 the merits of their service and ultimate sacrifice cannot be understated; and

12     Whereas, it is important and fitting that we commemorate the  
13 contributions of citizens such as these who bravely serve this nation and the  
14 profound sacrifice of those who offer their lives in our service. Each of  
15 those who has fallen takes a rightful place among the other true heroes of  
16 our great nation; and

17     Whereas, it is equally important that the memory of our fallen heroes  
18 be held in the highest esteem. To this end, it is never fitting to use,  
19 distribute or otherwise publish a fallen soldier's name or picture so as to  
20 cast a negative light on the memory of the soldier's life or service. It is  
21 disrespectful and unconscionable to make use of a fallen soldier's name or  
22 picture for profit when any surviving member of the soldier's family has  
23 requested that it not be used. Even under the important pretext of free  
24 speech, it is in bad taste and a shameful practice for anyone to publish for  
25 profit the names or pictures of fallen soldiers, thereby compounding the  
26 grief of surviving family members; and

27     Whereas, for the loved ones left behind, the gravity of their loss is  
28 without comparison and it is fitting that we offer our condolences and our  
29 utmost respect in every manner.

30 Therefore

31 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the  
32 Senate concurring:

33     1. That the Members of the Legislature express their regret regarding  
34 the death of every fallen soldier of the United States and extend their  
35 deepest sympathies to all surviving family members, and encourage the respect  
36 and honoring of family wishes regarding the use of a fallen soldier's name or  
37 pictures.

38     2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies  
39 of this Resolution to the Arizona department of veterans' services.